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National Earthquake Conference honors two Washington Emergency Management programs

CAMP MURRAY – Two Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD) programs won awards today at the National Earthquake Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

The conference presented Awards of Excellence to the following WEMD programs:

- The All Hazard Alert Broadcasting (AHAB) Radio system for response. The program provides both tone and voice alert notification for natural, manmade or weapons of mass destruction events. The devices are being installed in high-risk facilities, high traffic public and private venues, and areas without power such as shorelines and beaches. The first wind-powered unit was installed at Ocean Shores in 2003.
- WEMD's Earthquake Outreach Program. To help Washington school children understand tsunami warnings and to prepare for a tsunami, the division developed "How the Smart Family Survived a Tsunami" booklet and school education program for coastal areas. The booklet has been digitized and given to five Pacific Rim countries for their tsunami outreach programs.

"These awards honor projects that have given emergency management agencies at home and abroad new tools to educate and alert the public about natural and manmade hazards," said Jim Mullen, WEMD director.

For further information about WEMD's earthquake program, contact George Crawford of WEMD at 253-512-7067.

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